of blindness in children. The Vision 2020 initiative aims at reducing avoidable blindness by nearly 50% by the year 2020.

CGHS Dispensaries in Delhi, H.P., Haryana and Punjab

1495. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab where Allopathic, Homoeopathic, Unani and Ayurvedic Dispensaries under CGHS are functioning as on 28th February, 2002;

(b) the working hours for examination of patients, collection of local purchase prescriptions and issue of local purchase medicines of each dispensary, State-wise;

(c) the total number of beneficaries visited each dispensary in each States during each month of 2001;

(d) whether Government propose to set up some dispensaries of each treatment in evenings shifts in each State to allow maximum use of facilities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The location of CGHS dispensaries in Delhi indicating the total number of beneficiaries who visited each dispensary is given at Annexure [*See* Appendix 195, Annexure No. 19]

The CGHS (Allopathic) dispensary at Faridabad (Haryana) and the CGHS (Allopathic & Ayurvedic) Dispensary at Gurgoan (Haryana) come under the Administrative control of CGHS Delhi.

Orders have been issued to start one dispensary in Chandigarh in the current financial year. While Medical Officer have been mobilised from other stations, similar exercise has been taken up regarding Para-Medical Staff for making the dispensary operational.

(b) The working hours of CGHS dispensaries for examination of patients is as under:—

7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.—Normal functioning in all the dispensaries in single shift and multi-shift dispensaries.

1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.—Limited services in multi-shift dispensaries.

7.30 p.m. to 7.30 a.m.—Emergency services in all multi-shift dispensaries.

7.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.—Examination of patients and issue of medicines in double shift dispensaries which are available in CGHS Delhi only and with shift duty of six hours each.

Collection of local purchase prescription and issue of local purchase medicines in most of the CGHS dispensaries is from 7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

(c) Information in respect of CGHS Delhi is available at Annexure metioned at part (a) above.

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(d) and (e) There are 10 double-shift dispensaries functioning under CGHS Delhi which provide treatment facilities from 7.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. with six hours in each shift. Due to constraints of manpower and resources, it will not be possible to convert more CGHS dispensaries into double-shift dispensaries.

Rise in HIV cases among migrant youth

1496. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "AIDS spurt in Orissa district raises alarm", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 15th January, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that the HIV-positive cases are on the rise, particularly among the migrant youth;

(c) whether any law has been enacted to make blood tests for migrant labourers and other susceptible group compulsory;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government and the details thereof;